

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Major Fany L. Rivera was born in Tegucigalpa, Honduras and moved to the United States at an early age. She moved around growing up, as her family sought better opportunities. This allowed Fany the advantage of living in many states, including California, Florida and Illinois, and graduating from high school in Chicago; and

WHEREAS, while living in Miami, Fany's family were neighbors with the Rivera family. Fany and Jean met and fell in love. They married in 2000 and have two children under the age of six; and

WHEREAS, Fany signed up for the military in 2001 after 9/11, joining her husband in the Army. At the time of those horrific events, Fany and Sergeant Jean Rivera were stationed overseas in Germany. Fany started out in the Enlisted ranks as Army Private Second Class and eventually achieved the rank of Sergeant as a Non-Commissioned Officer, which allowed her to be selected for Officer School. Fany worked hard and once school was complete, she worked her way up through the Officer ranks to Major. She also received an Associate's degree in General Studies and a Bachelor's degree in Computer Science from the University of Maryland while working and serving our country; and

WHEREAS, Fany received orders to bases around the world, allowing her to be stationed in places such as Georgia, North Carolina, Arizona, Germany and Korea. She deployed twice to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, and spent 18 months in Kuwait in support of Operation Inherent Resolve. Fany served in many positions during her career, starting at Driver and working all the way to Brigade Security Officer. Fany has received many awards and decorations during her service including: The Meritorious Service Medal, Army Joint Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal and Army Achievement Medal; and

WHEREAS, Fany's military career is nothing short of extraordinary. Her last day in uniform for the Army will be June 16, 2021, with her official retirement date on October 31, 2021. Fany made the difficult decision to retire in order to stay home to raise her children and care for her now retired husband, who was injured during his service. Fany's family is extremely proud of her and will support her in anything that she chooses to pursue. The City of Ormond Beach would like to thank Fany for her service to this great country.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Partington, Mayor of the City of Ormond Beach, Florida, do hereby proclaim June 1, 2021, as a day to recognize

MAJOR FANY L. RIVERA

in the City of Ormond Beach and urge all residents to join me in wishing Major Fany L. Rivera the best in her well-deserved retirement and all future endeavors.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Ormond Beach, Florida, to be affixed this 1st day of June in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-One.



BILL PARTINGTON
Mayor